colossal amounts of private funds through public issues of shares and bonds and that such issues are successful not because of desirability of the proposed industrial projects but only due to the gimmicks of publicity and the greed of colluding brokers;

(b) if so, whether, in view of the above, there is any proposal under Government's consideration to impose a ceiling on such issues to prevent concentration of wealth in a few large companies and protect the innocent investors from potential disaster; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) The public limited companies are permitted to raise funds from their shareholders/public for financing the project/working capital needs and thus the size of the issue would depend on the requirement of the company. There is no proposal with the Government to impose ceiling on the size of the issue since the size is dependent on the requirement of the companies for new projects, expansion, modernisation and working capital.

Creation of States in the country

1063. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister has stated in a press conference in Simla on the 14th October, 1988 that no more States would be created in the country;

(b) whether it is a delared policy of Government that no more States would be formed;

(c) if so, whether the policy extends to formation of new regional councils like the one for the Gorkhas in West Bengal; and

(d) whether demands have been received from some quarters in Andhra Pradesh for creation of a regional council for Rayalseema; if so, what is Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) While replying the questions at a Press Conference, Prime Minister was reported to have said that there would be no further division of any State in the country.

(b) There is no proposal under consideration, at present, for reorganisation of any State.

(c) Formation of a regional council in a State is primarily the concern of the State Government concerned and, if required, can be brought about by a State legislation.

(d) No such demand has come to notice.

Japanese aid for increasing food production

1064. SHRI GOPALA RAO RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Japan agreed to provide 600 million yen for increasing food production in our country and whether Japan has extended the same facility in the past also; and

(b) if so, what are the details of grants made since 1980 and the details of the amount spent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.